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## INDIAN PRINCES ASSEMBLED FOR TO-DAY'S MOMENTOUS MEETING

**SIR OSCAR  
DE GLANVILLE  
LOSES POST**

President's Removal  
From Legislative  
Council

**INADEQUATE KNOWLEDGE OF  
BURMESE LANGUAGE**

Rangoon, Burma To-day.  
The Governor has concurred in the motion of the Legislative Council for the removal of Sir Oscar De Glanville from office as president of the Council.

The Governor adds that this does not mean that he approves the Council's action.

The motion that the president be removed was carried on February 22 by 56 votes to 38, the reasons given being Sir Oscar De Glanville's supposed inadequate knowledge of the Burmese language and his action in calling the police reserve to order at the last session of the Council. The representatives of the European and Indian communities are incensed at the Burmese attitude and warmly tribute the president.

The Burmese stand was coupled with threat to throw out the Budget unless the Governor consented to remove the President.—Reuter.

**TWO FATALITIES IN  
LOCAL FIRE**

Death Leaps From  
Blazing Building

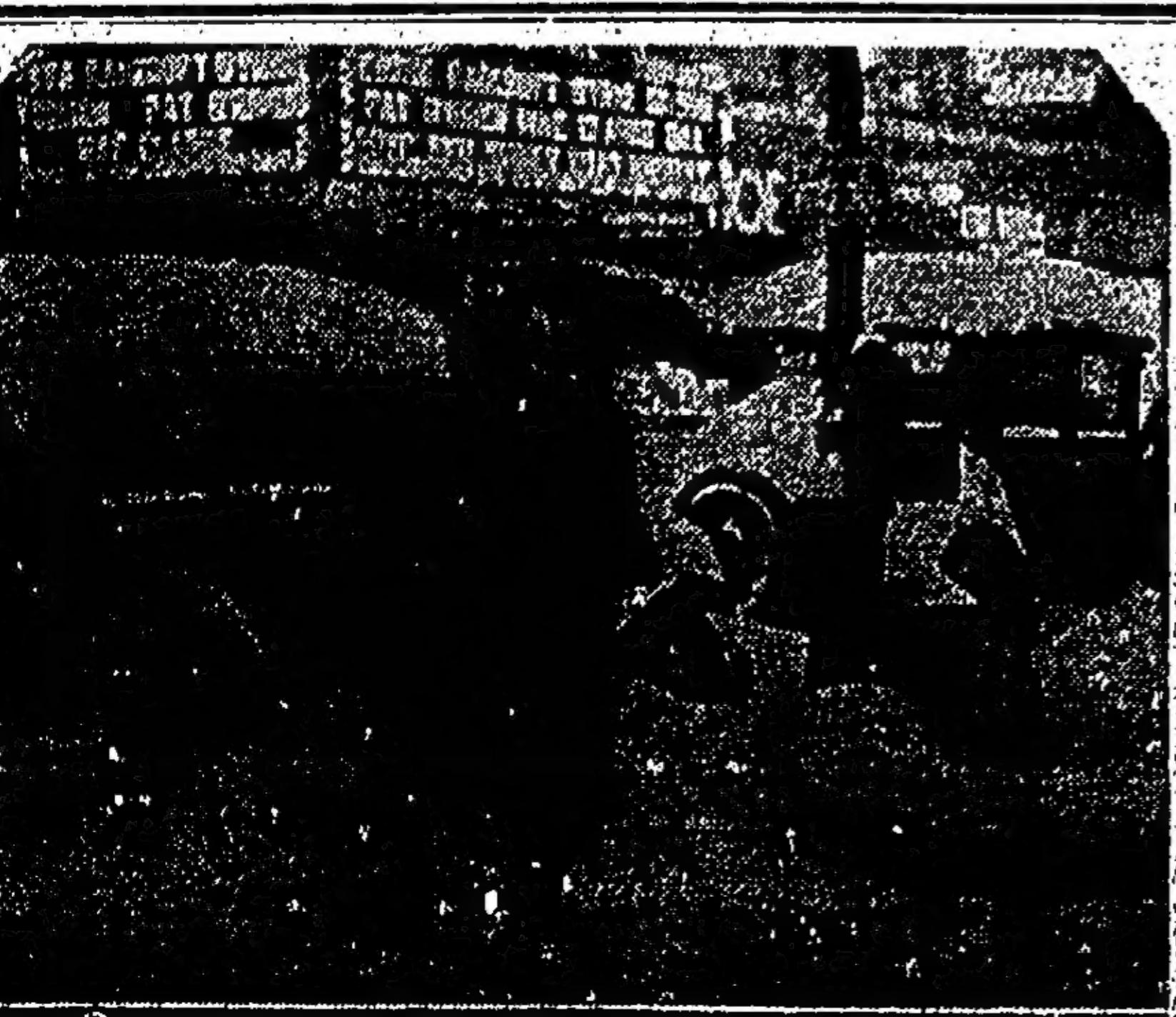
A woman and a child were killed and three others are now lying in hospital suffering from serious injuries as the result of a fire which broke out on the top floor of No. 3 Belchers Street, at 4.07 o'clock this morning, causing severe damage.

Finding their escape down the staircase cut off by flames, the inmates residing on the upper floors, jumped from the roof. The woman was immediately killed, while the child died in hospital. Three others, two women and a child, were also picked up and sent to the hospital.

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**LOCAL DOCTOR ROBBED**

Dr. L. el Arculli reports that following the parking of his car in Kennedy Road yesterday a leather attache case, containing surgical instruments and drugs, was stolen.



### AMENDMENTS SOUGHT TO INDIA BILL

#### DISSATISFACTION NOW PREVAILS

#### ACCEPTANCE DEPENDENT ON OUTCOME

Bombay, To-day.  
The Princes and their Ministers who are here have held some informal discussions on the eve of a momentous meeting they are holding to-day at Patiala House for the purpose of discussing the India Bill and the Instrument of Instructions.

Practically all the important Native States will be represented, including Hyderabad, Mysore, Baroda, Travancore, Bikaner, Bhopal, Patiala, Indore, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Bhavnagar, Kashmir and the Mahratta states; in fact nearly two-thirds of the population of the Indian States will be represented.

It is understood that the Princes feel that the present India Bill does not carry out the promises made and the pledges given to the Native States during various conferences, and inadequate maintains their rights and privileges.

They are aiming at proposing certain important amendments in order to enable the Princes to accept the scheme.

Some amendments would apply a mode to form an accession of authority to the Federation rights of the Governor-General in regard to federating the States and also the privileges and immunities of the princes as regards provisions for finance and the railway.—Reuter.

#### PERCY ALLISS TRIUMPH

#### Wins Italian Golf Championship

#### RECORD AGGREGATE

San Remo, To-day.  
Percy Alliss, 1933 winner of the Professional Tournament for the "News of the World" Trophy, and one of Britain's leading professional golfers, yesterday won the Italian Open Golf Championship with a record aggregate of 262.

His scores were 67, 66, 66 and 63.  
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#### PARSONS WINS FEAR CUP

#### Convincing Win In Kowloon Contest

Played yesterday at the Kowloon Golf Club over 36 holes medal play, the Fear Cup was won by D. Parsons with a score of 81-82-163-32-181.

Other scores were A. J. Dennis 188, A. T. Braley 188, A. L. Eastman 188, L. D. Purves 140, and W. Stewart and W. Ahern 144.

There were 88 entrants.

#### TWO FINALS AT FANLING

A Sommerfelt (12) beat Comdr. G. F. Hole (16) by 6 and 4 in the Captain's Cup (1934) final, tie at Fanling yesterday.

J. MacKnight beat C. H. Burton by 6 and 5 in the 36 holes Junior Championship final yesterday at Fanling.

The Captain's Cup February qualifying competition which resulted in a tie between C. W. E. Bishop (16) and G. A. Stewart (20) was played off last week and resulted in a win for Bishop.

#### SOLDIER INJURED

Gunner R. Dodd, of Mount Davis Barracks, was yesterday admitted to the Bowen Road Military Hospital suffering from severe thigh injury sustained when his bicycle collided with a wall on Island Road, near Kai Lung Wan.

The worst blizzard in 14 years in New York last month, and the snow removed started work in the snow.

of the heavy fall.



Seventeenth of September (Mr. L. G. Frost) justified the public's faith in him when he won the Subscription Griffs, Champions at the Valley on Saturday, beating Lucky Strike by three quarters of a length to pay a win dividend of \$16.20.—(King's Studio).

#### AMERICAN CONSUL KILLED IN INDIAN MOTOR ACCIDENT

#### Formerly Served In Hong Kong

#### Madras, To-day.

Mr. Leroy Webber, the American Consul at Madras, Mr. A. W. Estey, of the Standard Oil Company, his wife and their Muslim driver were killed in a motor accident last evening at Guduvancherry, 24 miles from Madras.

Mr. Webber formerly served in Hong Kong and Chefoo.

It appears that the party were going to a picnic when the car skidded and crashed into a way-side tree. Mr. Webber and the Estey were thrown out and picked up dead.

Mr. Webber only recently arrived from Chefoo. The Estey were married last year. Both were under 25.

A verdict of accidental death was returned at the inquest. The Estey as well as Mr. Webber were Americans.—Reuter.

#### FIVE ATHLETIC RECORDS

#### Indoor Titles Won In New York

#### OWENS SECURES "DOUBLE"

#### New York, To-day.

Five world indoor athletic records were established yesterday during the Amateur Athletic Union's National Championships yesterday.

Jeasey Owens broke the long-jump record with a leap of 25 feet 9 inches, in addition to shattering the 60 Metres mark with a 6.6/10 seconds effort.

Glenn Cunningham, holder of the world outdoor mile and the 1,500 metres records, covered the latter distance in 3 minutes 50.5/10 seconds to establish a new record, while Henry Ciemar from Toronto, covered the 1,500 metres walk in 6 minutes 7.3/10 seconds.

Henry Dreyer broke the 85 lb. Shot-Put record with a distance of 55 feet 3 1/4 inches.—Reuter.

#### FORTHCOMING WEDDING

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Mrs. Maria Antonia Thomson (widow), of No. 141 Calle Benedicto, Manila, P. I., to James J. (the Hon. James) Thompson, by the U. S. President Coolidge and Mr. Edward Banks of Bowesford Apartments, Manila, P. I., who has an interest in the Colony on board the "Arauca."

### EDINBURGH AIR DRAMA

#### 7 R.A.F. BOMBERS FORCED DOWN IN SNOWSTORM

#### 3 PLANES SEVERELY DAMAGED

#### ONE CRASHES AND BOUNCES ON TO HAY RICK

London, To-day.

Seven bombers of the Auxiliary Air Force stationed at Edinburgh and Glasgow were forced down in a blinding snowstorm yesterday, three landing on the Northumberland coast and four near Edinburgh.

Three planes were severely damaged, while two airmen received minor injuries.

One bomber crashed and bounced on to a hay rick, another landed within a few yards of the incoming tide on the Firth of Forth, while others somersaulted and buried their noses in fields. Edinburgh people who were sheltered from the blizzard had no idea of the drama being enacted behind the clouds, but imagined the roar of the engines of the bombers cruising around to find a break in the weather to be that of an airship, and were only disillusioned when the planes, weighted with snow, came down, just skimming the city roofs.

#### CONSERVATIVE UNION

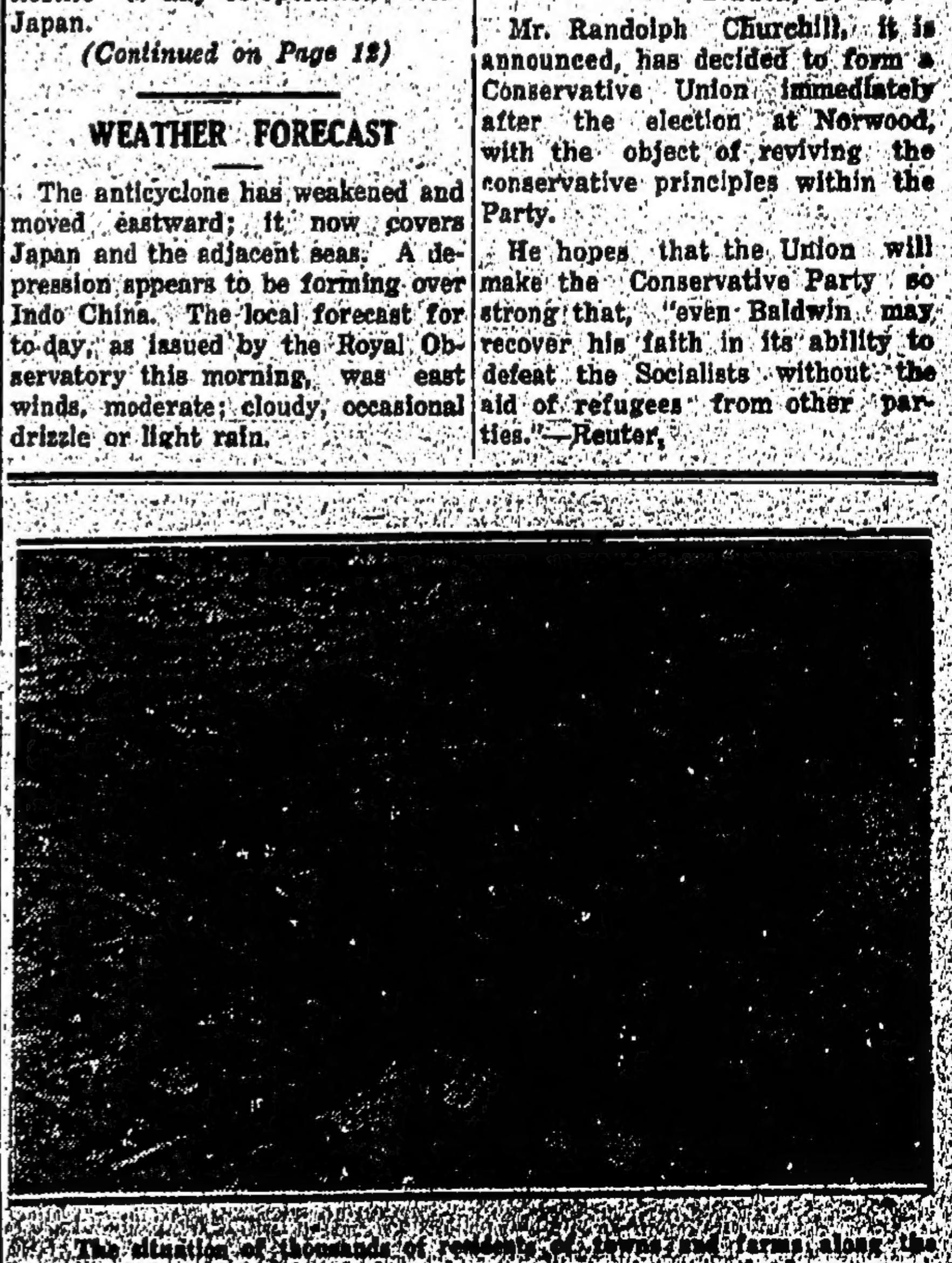
#### Randolph Churchill's New Scheme

#### TO STRENGTHEN BALDWIN'S FAITH IN PARTY ABILITY

London, To-day.

Mr. Randolph Churchill, it is announced, has decided to form a Conservative Union immediately after the election at Norwood, with the object of reviving the conservative principles within the Party.

He hopes that the Union will make the Conservative Party so strong that "even Baldwin may recover his faith in its ability to defeat the Socialists without the aid of refugees from other parties."—Reuter.



The situation in the northern part of the U.S. is described as "grave" by the U.S. Weather Bureau. The heavy snowfall in the region, which has been the heaviest in the last month, has caused flooding in the area, and caused the roads to be closed. One photograph shows the entire town of Falcon, Miss., under water. There have been deaths and injuries before the flood subsided.

## MAIL SCHEDULES

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Saigon-Marselles via Saigon  
Singapore-Australia

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Katori Maru (via Siberia) ..... 2

FOR SHANGHAI ..... 29

Emp. of Canada ..... 29

Katori Maru ..... 29

FOR JAPAN ..... 29

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VIA SIBERIA—Letters and post-cards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so requested.

REGISTERED and PARCEL MAIRS are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given above unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 8 p.m. in the previous day.

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# The Woman's Page

## Correct Posture: A Signpost To Beauty

mechanical use of the body in which the alignment of the segments causes the least muscular and nervous energy to keep one in normal posture. If this definition be carried out to the letter, only 3 per cent. energy is required to maintain correct posture.

The first five elementary rules for good posture are:

Head up.

Chin in.

Chest out.

Abdomen flat.

Hips flat.

### Walking—Sitting

In addition to observing these primary laws, begin your course in the development of correct posture by walking and sitting correctly. When walking, heels should come down first and then the outer border of the foot. The arms, when walking, should swing easily. To sit properly, the lower back and the upper rest against the back of the chair. In leaning over the desk, the incline should be from the hips. More curvature of the spine is caused by careless habits in sitting, which often have been developed during the first days in school when we did not learn to sit correctly at desks.

### Elementary Rules

Good posture, then, is simply good housekeeping of the body. In more technical terms, it is the



### Those Big Hips

Experience with women's problems as they are presented in the letters which are sent to the various women's pages of newspapers and magazines, shows that the persistent is for some magic formula to reduce the hip ratio. Here is an exercise in which there is reducing magic, but the secret key to success is simply the unflagging zest and regularity with which the exercise is performed. To reduce the hips and abdomen, lie flat on the back with the limbs stretched out straight in parallel lines. Slowly raise the legs, keeping them together, to a perpendicular position. And now for the reducing proper: slowly lower them to the floor. The more slowly you lower the limbs, keeping the head and the centre of the back touching the floor, the greater will be the pull on the quadriceps muscles of the thighs and on those of the abdomen: If performed properly this exercise can be done only three or four times, the first few mornings and evenings, it is tried out. The number of times done should be increased gradually. If carried out over a period of time, results are guaranteed.

### Dowager's Hump

A Danish exercise is given here to correct dowager's hump, that unsightly lump of flesh on the back of the neck. Unless it is a definite family characteristic, the exercise should help. Stretch the neck, raise the chin forward and up, then stretch the neck three times towards the ceiling, raising one jaw bone in the direction of the ceiling, and then the other. Alternate number of times.

Head-bending is also good for this purpose. First, with the head erect and the chin in, bend the head straight to the side, being careful to keep the opposite shoulder low. Jerk easily several times, but not too strenuously, but just sufficient to feel a tug on the neck muscles.

Take a little recess before doing the next head-bending exercise. Try merits,

### OVERALLS ARE NO LONGER DULL

Overalls are no longer dull, even for the larger woman, but she should choose the new tailored type which can be adjusted to look like a frock.

### IMAGINATION ESSENTIAL

Imagination is essential when bargain-hunting. It will save you from spending all your money on things you don't want or never wear.

reducing the flesh on the upper arms. Stretch the arms out straight to full length, S-t-r-e-t-c-h! Then rotate the palms of the hands over and back, feeling the muscles moving and tugging in the upper arm.

And now for the next head-bender. Bend the head diagonally back first to the left and then to the right several times, being sure to feel a stretching along the diagonal front of the neck.

To correct narrow back and round shoulder, clasp the hands on the back and pull the shoulder blades together; then pull the upper arms together, keeping the shoulders low and doing this at least ten times, always feeling the upper part of the back working.

These exercises, therefore, should point the way to body-beauty. The erect posture of the ladies seen in old portraits speaks eloquently of the attention paid to correct alignment by the mothers of daughters.

Good posture is important and essential, and is not re-

## THE FACE ABOVE THE PARTY DRESS

### Carefully Groomed Complexion Gives Smart Effect

#### BEWARE OF THE JARRING NOTE

We all want to look our very best on party nights. But while most of us spend a lot of thought on our frocks, shoes and etceteras, there are many girls who spoil the effect of a charming dress by not bothering about their faces, or troubling to make up carefully.

Two or three days beforehand give your skin some treatment.

Thoroughly grease the face with a cleansing cream, to remove the day's dirt, and after a minute or so remove it with a tissue or cotton wool. Then it will do your skin good to massage it with skin-food, stroking the face gently with both hands, with an upward and outward movement. Leave the skin-food on all night, unless you have a naturally greasy skin. In the morning, pat some astringent lotion on to the face, to close the pores. After a few days of this treatment you will see a marked improvement in your skin.

#### Changing the Make-up

On the night of the party use the



same treatment, leaving the skin-food on thick during your bath, and applying the astringent before you make up.

Daylight make-up is not at night for night light, for it tends to dull the skin. Use a brighter, lighter rouge, and considerably lighter powder.

If you have a high natural colour, you can tone it down with green powder. If used over a very light coloured rouge, this powder gives that alabaster-like complexion that some people admire so much.

Glowing Cheeks

Use cream rouge for your evening make-up, but remember to work it in well, using a little grease with it, if it is stiff—and see that there are no hard edges left, when you have finished.

Apply it rather high on the cheek-bones and towards the sides.

Unless you are very dark, you

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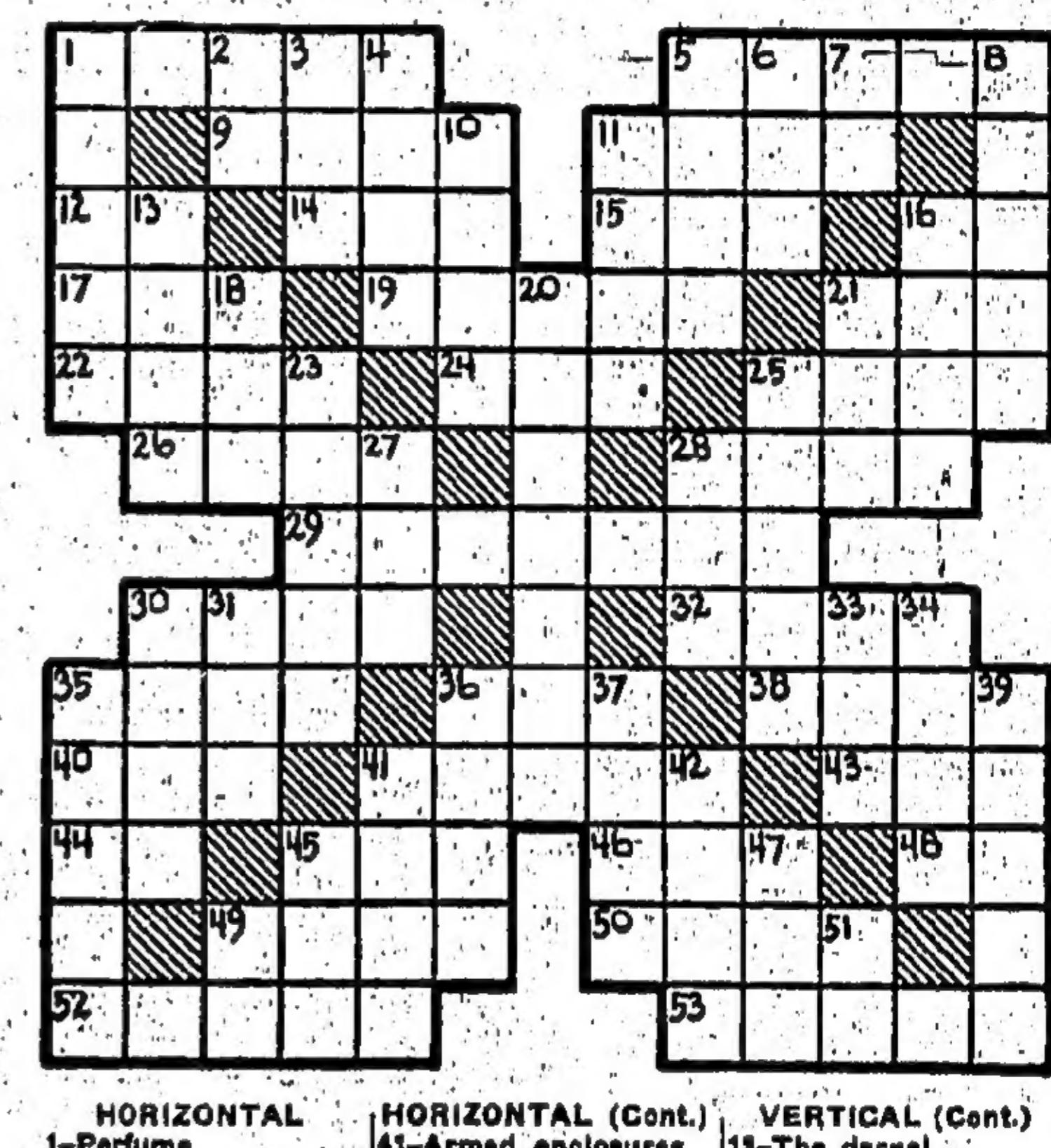
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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL (Cont.)  
1-Armed enclosures  
6-Plain  
9-Want  
11-Part of a ship  
12-Preparation  
14-Sailor (colloq.)  
15-Terminate  
16-Clark (abbr.)  
17-Vehicle  
19-Twisted hemp (pl.)  
21-Epoch  
22-Greek goddess of discord  
24-Tablet  
25-Walter  
26-Paradise  
28-Company  
30-Extreme pain  
32-Period of time  
35-Entitled  
38-Pantilike organ  
39-Foolish  
40-Bell slowly  
41-Arm'd enclosures  
42-Organ of hearing  
43-Conjunction  
44-Grease  
46-Large monkey  
48-Pronoun  
49-In  
50-Boards  
52-Pairs  
53-Shares  
55-Epoch  
56-Greek goddess of discord  
57-Tablet  
58-Walter  
59-Paradise  
60-Company  
62-Extreme pain  
64-Cover  
65-Good  
67-The (sp.)  
68-Foolish  
70-Lot fall  
71-Plant  
73-A small bird (pl.)  
74-Qualifies  
76-Short garter  
78-Unit  
79-Make a mistake  
81-Pronoun  
83-Each (abbr.)

VERTICAL (Cont.)  
1-Distance  
2-Half an em  
3-Lace fabric  
4-Rend  
5-Food container (pl.)  
6-Cover  
8-Short garter  
9-Unit  
10-M

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A Quantity of  
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Chesterfield couches and arm-chairs, Teak side board, Teak dining table, Teak armchairs and chairs, Teak wardrobe, Teak Dressing table, Teak chamber stand, Teak ice chest, Teak chest of drawers, Teak cabinet, Teak cupboard, Teak table, Teak desk, Teak hatstand, etc., etc.

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LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, February 22, 1935.

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## COMPANY MEETINGS

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the HONG KONG HOTEL, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 26th, FEBRUARY, 1935, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1934.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, 12th, FEBRUARY to TUESDAY, 26th, FEBRUARY, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, Hong Kong, 20th January, 1935.

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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 7th March, 1935, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1934.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 22nd February, 1935 to THURSDAY, the 7th March, 1935, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

F. H. CRAPNELL, Secretary, Hong Kong, 14th February, 1935.

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on WEDNESDAY, 18th March, 1935, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1934 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from 2nd March to 18th March 1935, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents, Hong Kong, 21st February, 1935.

THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2 Lower Albert Road, on THURSDAY, 14th March, 1935, at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a statement of Accounts declaring a Dividend and Re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 2nd March to 14th March, 1935, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. D. THOMSON, Secretary, Hong Kong, 21st February, 1935.

## Amusements

## Cinema Notes

"HELL IN THE HEAVENS"—KING'S THEATRE

A thrilling romance of danger and death in the skies is Fox's latest production, "Hell in the Heavens," featuring Warner Baxter, now showing at the King's Theatre.

Baxter, whose most recent notable picture, was the "Grand Canary," again gives one of his best performances in this film as an impetuous American flier in the Lafayette Escadrille.

Haunted by the fear that "he will be afraid," the lieutenant struggles to combat it. Love helps, in the form of dashing Conchita Montenegro. At length Baxter meets the "Baron," most daring and dangerous of German aces, in close combat high above the clouds and solves his destiny through courage.

In the supporting cast are Russell Hardle, Herbert Mundin, Andy Devine, Ralph Morgan, Vince Barnett, William Stelling, J. Carroll Nash, and Johnny Arthur.

"THE OLD FASHIONED WAY"—QUEEN'S THEATRE

Two of Paramount's most outstanding screen personalities, Baby LeRoy and W. C. Fields, are starred in one of the most hilarious comedies, "The Old Fashioned Way" now at the Queen's Theatre. Fields is presented as the manager and leading man of a hungry troupe of stock players. Ducking the sheriff and the irate hotel keeper in one town, they flee to the next where it is Fields's fortune to encounter the town's richest widow, a fatuous lady with dramatic ambitions and a romantic urge.

Her son, Baby LeRoy, takes a liking to Fields, and the widow finances the troupe on Fields's promise that she is permitted to act with them.

So, torn between love of money and his duty to his company, Fields manages to find a happy solution for his troubles and even a happy one for the romance of his daughter, Judith Allen.

"COLLEGE RHYTHM"—ALHAMBRA THEATRE

A gorgeous medley of girls, music and comedy, and thrilling football scenes feature Paramount's current release "College Rhythm," with Joe Penner, the favourite American radio star, now at the Alhambra Theatre.

Supported by a magnificent cast, which includes Lanny Ross, Jack Oakie, Helen Mack, Lydia Roberti and Mary Brian "College Rhythm" introduces Fenner to the film public in a hilarious story, of deadly college rivals, the football star and piccolo player, who finally agrees by disagreeing and falling in love with different girls.

The picture opens on a football field and it closes on a grand football scene and the reconciliation of the college feudists.

The story is not entirely set in college, however. The boys graduate, go into business and transforms it into a college annex, even installing their football team in the store.

The fun begins when their rivals follow suit and they have to conquer them in the field of honour. In between are some gorgeous chorus scenes, executed by the 150 All-American co-eds, some grand acting by Fenner and Lydia Roberti and some sweet caroling by Lanny Ross, who will be remembered for his singing in "Melody in Spring."

"HOLLYWOOD PARTY"—MAJESTIC THEATRE

More than a musical spectacle, M-G-M's smash-hit production paper reporter whose pride in his integrity is greater than his wealth and dances are woven as integral parts.

Laurel and Hardy, the great comedy team, appear in various robes of their few possessions sequences with Lupe Velez and one by one until, at length, they others. Walt Disney contributes a special "Silly Symphony" in colour breakfasting from raw carrots that is presented by Mickey Mouse. "You are only a headline to me," himself who, through an amazing declaration, the newspaper reporter at

camera track, actually appears with an early stage, but it is not long before he comes to regard her as

such a play is subject to analysis.



Bertrand L. Taylor, Jr. (left), and Countess di Frassi (right) are battling in a New York court to prevent Geraldine Ott (centre) of Kansas City, Missouri, from collecting the widow's share of their late father's \$8,000,000 estate to which she claims she is entitled as his common-law wife. Her mother, Mrs. Louise Ott, told how 65-year-old Taylor, a banker, wed her 27-year-old daughter with a six-carat ruby ring, acting as both bridegroom and pastor, and then took her on trip to Europe, where they are shown (below). The banker's children deny her claim.

## "ABSURDITIES" OF LICENSING LAWS

## Playing Cards and Drinking

## LONDON COMMON SERGEANT SPEAKS OUT

Mr. Cecil Whiteley, K.C., the Common Sergeant, speaking of the "absurdities" of the Licensing Laws in London, urged that the sale of intoxicating liquor in clubs should be more effectively controlled.

"A large number of very undesirable night clubs have sprung up in London, and they make a large amount of money from the sale of drink," Mr. Whiteley said.

"Anyone can apply for such a club license, even if he has just come out of Pentonville. I cannot see why these clubs should not be placed under the jurisdiction of the Licensing Benchers."

It was absurd, he added, that people who played cards for money or for drinks in ordinary public houses should be prosecuted. Nearly every one of those to whom he was speaking played bridge in hotels for money.

## "CENTRAL AIRPORT"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

Polly Moran, Lupe Velez, Jack Pearl, Eddie Quillan, June Clyde, George Givot and Ted Healy and his riotous Stooges.

It was absurd, he added, that two brothers who share all dangers of the air, but who find that they cannot share the dangers of the embraces of a woman whom they both love.

A stellar array of stars, including Richard Barthelmess, the star of more than 50 dramatic films, Sally Eilers and Tom Brown, are in the cast.

"IT HAPPENED ONE NIGHT"—STAR THEATRE

After the story of Cinderella, the story of the taming of the shrew is perhaps the most popular with film producers. The shrew of "It Happened One Night" is the spoilt daughter of a millionaire. She is not very shrewish, and her pride is soon deflated by Clark Gable in the character of a newspaper reporter.

Against South's three-notrump contract West opened the heart four. South knew that if he played a low heart from Dummy, the Ace would capture the King on the second round, regardless of which opponent held it, so he immediately played Dummy's King. In the cast of Dummy's King, the Queen would remain in West's hand to win the third round and furnish entry for the hearts.

The Deschappelles Coup, which was effected in this way, was the lead in the lead with the new established diamond Queen to run the heart suit. South could not even gain by ducking and allowing the diamond King to hold the first trick; for then a low diamond would force out Dummy's Ace, and the Queen would remain in West's hand to win the third round and furnish entry for the hearts.

The Deschappelles Coup was remarkable enough when played more than a hundred years ago by the great French Whist player Deschappelles. In Whist, however, there is no bidding, and the Dummy is not exposed, so that masterful card reading is required for a player in a position like South's in the hand above to reason out the advantage of sacrificing the King. With the exposed Dummy

such a play is subject to analysis. In Whist such a play attained the dizzy heights of a master stroke, as remarkable in its way as for a blind man to find his way alone.

## BRIDGE NOTES

## LATEST NEW STAR GROWING BRIGHTER

## "Nora" Not Following Precedent

## SERIES OF EXPLOSIONS PROBABLE REASON

Nova Herculis, the new star in the constellation of Hercules, discovered a month ago by a Suffolk amateur, is beginning to take the place in popular interest temporarily vacated by the Loch Ness Monster, who is presumably in winter quarters.

Owing to a misprint that put "r" for "v" the star is familiarly known as "Nora," which opens up a vista of speculation as to whether one should speak of a star as "he" or "she."

Actually, of course, as understood by astronomers, Nora is not a new star at all, but a very old one, which exploded somewhere about the time of the Emperor Constantine, the news of the explosion having just reached us.

But Nora is not behaving at all according to type. These explosions are familiar enough in the story of the heavens. But, as a rule, after the first sighting of them, they tend, as one might suppose, to grow dimmer and dimmer, until they vanish altogether. Nora, on the other hand, grows brighter and brighter, and is now about a million times as bright as when she was first seen. Companions with Hollywood are deprecated, but will naturally suggest themselves. Hence it is suggested that Nora has been the victim, or heroine, of not one, but a whole series of explosions.

There was a similar star in the 16th century, discovered by a Danish astronomer named Tycho Brahe, which remained brilliant for a considerable time. It seems possible that Nora will remain still longer.

before the club suit could be set up by South. The solution to the problem lay in

# Sporting Page



## LEAGUE LEADERS STAGE COMEBACK IN THRILLING DISPLAY

### ENGINEERS WIN MAMAK CLASH AGAINST SAINTS

Hanson's Excellent Display

#### PEGG NETS WINNING GOAL

(By "STICKS")  
A very fast hockey game was witnessed on the Police Training School ground yesterday when the Royal Engineers defeated the St. Andrew's Club by an only goal in the Mamak Tournament.

Hanson, at centre-half for the Saints, played an outstanding game, his clever stickwork preventing many a goal, while his neat and accurate passes often set his forwards off on many movements.

#### Guest Again Shines

Guest again gave a brilliant display in goal, stopping several hard shots and clearing soundly. The shot that passed him was almost unstoppable being a drive from about ten yards range.

Of the two backs, White was the sounder. He was erratic at times but there were times when he was outstanding. His partner, Angus, was off form and failed to come in.

Hanson and Sels in the intermediate line were the stalwarts of the Saints' defence, allowing very little to pass them and also feeding their forwards well.

The forward line played a scrappy game, lack of combination holding them up on several occasions. Carroll, on the right wing, and E. F. Fincher, were the only ones to make any attempts to break through, but most of their efforts were nipped in the bud by the sound opposing defence.

#### E. F. Fincher's Misfortune

On one occasion, towards the end of the game, E. F. Fincher had hard luck when he had a clear run for the goal and tripped over Clarke's stick.

For the winners the defence was outstanding the forwards being poor in comparison and were caught off-side in nearly every movement they attempted.

Five minutes from the interval the Engineers broke away and scored through Pegg, who netted after the two opposing backs had collided, and were helpless on the ground.

After the interval, the Saints improved in every department and kept out the invaders.

Engineers—Dudley, Quantrell and Clarke; MacGowan, D. Brown and Foley; Ravel, Hamilton, Pegg, Woods and C. Brown.

St. Andrews—Guest; Angus and White; MacNider, Hanson and Sels; Carroll, Mackay, E. F. Fincher, Colledge and E. C. Fincher.

#### Mamak League Table To Date

	P. W.	L.	D.	F. A.	Pts.
K. I. T. C. ....	11	10	0	1	34
R. E. ....	12	9	0	3	22
Police ....	12	8	1	3	24
R.C. of Signals ....	12	7	4	5	35
St. Andrew's ....	13	7	3	2	28
United ....	14	6	5	3	19
R.A.S.C. ....	14	4	4	2	22
University ....	14	2	6	6	13
Salmond ....	8	3	3	2	18
Diamond ....	11	2	5	4	12
Radio ....	5	3	1	1	10
Cornwall ....	14	1	9	4	15
Medway ....	5	2	2	1	6
12th Battery ....	10	1	7	2	6
C. B. A. ....	5	1	2	2	6
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Duncan ....	8	1	0	1	14
Dalby ....	7	1	0	0	8



Nothing but the "tops" for Maxie Baer. Here the champion chats with Mrs. Jay O'Brien, New York and Palm Beach social leader, at the opening of the exclusive Colony Club at the Florida resort.

### C.B.A. AND RECREIO LADIES IN CAER CLARK CUP DRAW

#### Runners-Up Hopes Dashed

#### LATE EQUALISING GOAL

The C.B.A. Ladies' hopes of being runners-up in the Caer Clark Cup handicap competition this season were dashed to the ground when they were forced to share two goals with the Recreio in their last game of the season at King's Park yesterday.

The C.B.A. Ladies are now on level points with the St. Andrew's Ladies, but the latter have one game in hand, and that is against the Y.M.C.A. Ladies, whom they should beat.

#### Miss Smith Weak

Throughout the game the C.B.A. Ladies were the superior team but could not shoot. Miss Smith, the Interport inside-right, had several opportunities in the circle, but either hit wide or else the Recreio's custodian cleared.

Miss Silva, the Shanghai reserve, who is now staying in Hong Kong, was playing in goal for the Recreio, and featured the game with many spectacular saves.

The C.B.A. opened the scoring early in the second-half, when Miss Whitley netted neatly from a well-placed centre from Miss Blackmore, on the right-wing. The

Recreio managed to hold this lead until the last minute of the game when the Recreio equalised through Miss Remedios, on the left-wing.

C.B.A.—S. Best; P. Woolley, and F. K. Walker; G. MacNider, E. Beavis and Clarke; MacGowan, D. Brown and Foley; Ravel, Hamilton, Pegg, Woods and C. Brown.

St. Andrews—Guest; Angus and White; MacNider, Hanson and Sels; Carroll, Mackay, E. F. Fincher, Colledge and E. C. Fincher.

#### Caer Clark League Table To Date

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### R.N.V.R. CRICKET WIN

#### Beat Comdr. Besant's XI By 1 Wicket

Playing in a friendly cricket match at King's Park yesterday the Royal Naval Volunteers defeated Lt. Comdr. Besant's eleven by one wicket. Both teams fielded only ten men.

The outstanding feature of the match was J. R. Bergne-Coupland's bright knock of 83 runs, which included seven fours and one six.

The losers batted first and totalled 174 runs, of which Lt. Kilbey batted well to score 54 runs.

Comdr. Besant made 57. C. Barry

### Hanson And Miss Griffiths Win

By securing 37 games, A. Hanson and Miss Griffiths, won the American Tennis Tournament at the Kowloon Cricket Club in which 18 couples took part yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby were second with 32 games, while G. C. Burnett and Miss O. Datzel were third with 30 games.

Other results were—

H. L. Langley and Mrs. Hosford ..... 28 games

A. Loft and Mrs. Knight ..... 22 "

C. J. Tachii and Miss Blandford ..... 22 "

W. Hirai and Mrs. Ratcliffe ..... 22 "

Mr. and Mrs. L. Jack ..... 22 "

R. Griffiths and Miss Haynes ..... 19 "

Mr. and Mrs. Fancy ..... 18 "

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which included eight boundaries.

### Flashes From The Field

DESERTED by some of their most promising players, Kowloon were expected to go under to the Navy on Saturday by at least four goals, but they caused one of the biggest sensations of the season with their surprise victory by two clear goals.

The game was very scrappy, and ball distribution was very poor, the majority of the players having a poor sense of direction in their passing.

The distribution of play was very even, and contrary to expectations, the Malindian team were slightly the better.

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Navy Forwards Fail

Skinner and Kiley, the Navy wingers, were the most dangerous of the attackers, but they lacked the support they were demanding upon to carry them through to their objective.

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Of the Kowloon forwards, G. White, and the redoubtable "Hooper" Jones gave the Navy defence their most anxious moments.

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White made clever use of the material which came his way, a nice burst of speed standing him in good stead, and, though the fruits of Jones' work were not so apparent, they contributed largely towards the success of the Kowloon team.

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McKelvie's Comeback

Jock McKelvie, who made a very welcome return to the Kowloon side, was by no means brilliant, but his deft little touches here and there helped the team considerably.

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Pope, who deputised for Bliss in the pivotal position, opened well, but was overburdened towards the close, the support given by Barlow helping to a great extent to stave off the Navy's efforts to score.

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Morrison, at left-back, once again gave a clever display of timely clearances, and interceptions. He was a veritable danger to any of the Navy forwards who tried hard to steer clear of him.

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Wrong Naval Tactics

The outstanding feature of the Navy's poor showing was the lack of enterprise on the part of their halves, who, instead of concentrating on the Kowloon forwards as a whole, picked on Jones to shadow, and the result was inevitable—the remaining Kowloon forwards broke through to score two goals.

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Rycroft and Godbear, were the pick of the Navy defence, the former being very steady in his clearances, while the latter's anticipation relieved several awkward moments.

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East Lancs Lucky

The East Lancs were very lucky to beat the Eastern in their Second Division encounter on Saturday, and it was only because Hung Yiu-wai and Lai Ting-zi, the Eastern's backs, were unable to cope with the tremendous amount of work given them in the second half that they scored.

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The soldiers' shooting on the whole was very poor, while the forwards would distribute in the goal-mouth instead of attempting to score.

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The inability of the Club for-

wards to settle down was respon-

sible for the Navy Juniors winning

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### ALDERSHOT RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP

1st Welch Regt. Beat  
K.O.R.R. In Final

#### WEAKENED COMBINATION'S BETTER UNDERSTANDING

Although below full strength, the 1st Battalion Welch Regiment defeated the 2nd Battalion King's Own Royal Regiment by a goal and three tries to nil in the final of the Aldershot Command Cup, and so entered the semi-final of the Army Cup.

To begin with, the Welch were without Lt. B. T. V. Cowey—the Welsh international wing, injured at Twickenham last week—H. C. Christy, and B. E. W. McCall. Then Owens injured a shoulder, which lessened the strength of the pack for most of the game.

In spite of these handicaps, the Welch were always the better team, though it was not until near the end that they fully thrust home their advantage. In the last twelve minutes they obtained eleven of their fourteen points.

#### Welch Backs Shine

With their forwards winning most of the scrums, the Welch backs got plenty of the ball, and proved a lively and dangerous set. Jones and Delaney did well in the centre, and Roberts an Evans, on the wings, used their pace to excellent purpose.

The losers showed pluck in defence, and their tackling was uniformly sound, but they never accomplished much in attack. Aislett, a former English international, at full-back, playing his first game for a considerable time, was scarcely fast enough, but he did some splendid tackling.

The Welch took the lead in the opening minute with a try by Delaney, and after the retirement of Owens in the second half, W. Williams, Evans, and G. Williams put on further tries. Edwards converted one.

1st Batt. Welch Regt.—Sgt. R. J. Roberts; Pte. E. Jones, Pte. J. Delaney, Pte. G. Williams, L. Sgt. W. J. Evans; Cpl. W. Ibbetson, Pte. T. Coleman; Pte. E. Pennell, Cpl. G. Owens, Pte. S. Hopkins, Pte. R. Cowell, Pte. C. Edwards, L. Sgt. W. Williams, Sgt. J. T. Powell, L. Cpl. L. Pope.

2nd Batt. King's Own Royal Regt.—Lt. A. R. Aislett; Lt. W. H. Robins; L. Cpl. S. Evans, Pte. B. Taylor, Lt. H. L. S. Hilliard; Cpl. J. Barber, Pte. A. Halsall; Cpl. J. Tyler, Lt. R. N. Anderson, Cpl. V. Davies, Pte. E. Parder, Pte. H. Burrows, Sgt. G. C. Hughes, Lt. B. A. Burke, Pte. E. Pole.

### HANS STUCK'S BAD LUCK

#### New Record Not To Stand

Lucca, Italy, Feb. 15.

When the German motorist, von Stuck, to-day broke the International Class record for a flying mile with an average speed of 199.013 miles an hour, the fastest speed ever achieved on the road here, he had previously had bad luck when he tried to break the record for a flying kilometre.

#### Chronometer Fails

After he had attained a record average speed of 201.175 miles an hour for the flying kilometre, it was announced that this would not be allowed to stand since the electric chronometer had not functioned properly.

Both the previous records were held by Signor Carraciola, of Italy, whose speed for the flying mile was 196.78 m.p.h.

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### THE MELBOURNE CUP, OR HOW THE AMAZON BROKE THE RECORD.

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## STEP-BROTHER KILLED WITH PLAGUE GERMS

### Murder After Repeated Failures

#### FULL STORY OF CRIME

Calcutta, India, Feb. 16.

The bizarre case, in which three prominent Calcutta physicians were involved, reached a climax to-day when Benoyendra Pande, a young Brahmin, was sentenced to death for the murder of his step-brother, Amarendra Pande, by administering plague germs.

Benoyendra, after a long trial, together with Doctors S. P. Bhattacharya, D. R. Dhar and T. N. Bhattacharyas, was found guilty of the charge that he conspired to murder his step-brother in a plot whereby he hoped to inherit Amarendra's estate.

Two of Benoyendra's co-accused were acquitted.

Amarendra was murdered after repeated failures by infecting him with plague germs.

#### STORY OF MURDER

It was alleged that the culture of plague germs was obtained from the All-India Institute of Health, built by the Rockefeller Fund.

The story of how Amarendra was murdered was told in court during the trial of Benoyendra and his co-accused.

It developed that Benoyendra and his step-brother were co-heirs to a large ancestral estate. It was claimed that Benoyendra insured his step-brother for \$20,000, and stipulated on taking out the policy that no inquiries should be made into the manner of the insured man's death.

After consultation with the accused doctors, Benoyendra was alleged to have concocted the plan of infecting Amarendra with plague germs.

#### GERMS ON SPECTACLES

With the help of the medics, one of whom was connected with the All-India Institute of Health, it was claimed, that Benoyendra smeared germs on the bridge of a pair of spectacles, and pressed them on his step-brother's nose.

Following this, Amarendra developed a virulent case of tetanus, complicated with sinus and other troubles, but he managed to pull through.

Then, the prosecution alleged, Benoyendra and his accomplices, after many failures, managed to obtain a deadly culture of plague germs from the Institute of Health. They first experimented with the germs on white rats, it was claimed, and the rats died within 24 hours of having the germs rubbed on their bellies.

#### ARM PRICKED

While Amarendra was standing in a Calcutta railway station, he felt a prick on his arm, and noticed a short, black man brushing past him. Then Benoyendra appeared, and, it was claimed, rubbed the poison into the injured spot, to make sure that it would take effect.

Amarendra developed a high fever with swelling glands, and despite the attendance of doctors of his own choice, he died from the effects of plague. Dr. Bhattacharya issued a certificate of death from septic pneumonia, but a later blood analysis proved it to be plague, the first in Calcutta in five years; and the arrest of Benoyendra and his accomplices followed.

A high point in the case for the prosecution was that while Benoyendra did not come near his brother's bedside during the fatal illness, he was one of the first to appear at the cremation ground.—United Press.

#### FILMS AS PART OF GERMAN SCHOOL CURRICULUM

By the end of January 2,000 schools in Germany will have been equipped with apparatus for the showing of films. This is part of the plan of Herr Rust, the Reich Education Minister, to supplement book-learning by a form of instruction which appeals most vividly to children's imagination. He intends to have all the 50,000 schools throughout Germany equipped in the same way during the course of the next four or five years.

Already ten instructional films have been shot and 6,000 copies made. Eighty more of such films are planned for production this year.

#### LITERARY NOTES

### NEW FICTION

#### Wit And Satire From Thornton Wilder

#### "HEAVEN'S WHY DESTINATION"

Mr. Thornton Wilder has produced, surprisingly, a most amusing light novel. If "Heaven's My Destination" had been written by someone with a reputation less important than Mr. Thornton Wilder's it would be receiving the usual couple of paragraphs accorded to an amusing light book. Since, however, Mr. Thornton Wilder is its author, all sorts of deep significances and erudite subtleties are being read into it.

The fact is that Mr. Thornton Wilder, undeterred by the fuss that was made of "The Bridge of San Luis Rey," has knocked off a wittily satirical little jeu d'esprit on the excellent old theme of the Innocent's Journey. His book, and its central character, are a kind of cross between Don Quixote and Mr. Somerset Maugham's Sheepish, spiced with Miss Rose Macaulay's Oxford Groupers.

George Brush is a travelling book salesman, a terribly earnest young non-smoker, non-drinker, Fundamentalist, and all the rest of it, who had imbibed a large dose of religion and tried very hard to live up to it. The book tells us of the adventures that befall him when he pursued this aim on his sales journeys. Mr. Wilder draws him cunningly. He must have been a most exasperating young man, and we are not surprised that almost everyone he meets should find him impossible, and yet he has our sympathy all the time—on paper.

#### For Entertainment

One need not bother to consider whether Mr. Thornton Wilder is trying by his satire to prove that it is impossible for anyone in the modern world to lead a simple, honest, and God-fearing life without being thrown into prison for it. The satire is not subtle enough in any case for that; because George Brush, though simple and sincere enough, is shown as little more than half-baked.

Mr. Wilder's aim is probably merely to entertain, and not to draw any terribly clever morals or point any awfully subtle significance at all.

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It is perhaps invidious to give a list of the writers who figure in the differently-priced editions, for doubtless many admirers of certain authors might take exception to the "order of merit" of the series; but on the whole there is very little fault to be found with the selection. Each edition contains works by authors of world-wide reputation.

These editions should very shortly be seen in Hong Kong and should find a wide circle of purchasers.

#### MOSCOW ADMires G. B. S.

It is reported from Moscow that various works by George Bernard Shaw, Romain Rolland and Henri Barbusse are to be translated into the Bashkirian language for the first time and published this year.

### ITALIAN WANDERINGS

#### Semper Aliquid Novi

Mr. Ian Munro, the author of the best history of Fascism written in English, here enables us to share his knowledge and love of Italy and Italian life. In "Revealing Italy" he ranges all over the peninsula, Lake Garda, Florence, and Sienna fascinate him (and us) in turn. He jolters along the Adriatic



Following the example set by her sentenced husband, in claiming epithets at State witnesses, Mrs. Bruno Hauptmann cried "You're lying!" as Mrs. Ella Achenbach (above) their former neighbour, testified in the recent trial at Flemington.

### Mad Bad Outcast Of Venice

#### Sel-Styed Baron Corvo

#### LIFE-STORY OF A STRANGE CHARACTER

To say that a man is mad is Bonsen, a stuttering little Chrysostom, generally a way of saying that you tom of a priest, with the Cambridge manners of a Vaughan's dove, the face of the Mad Hatter out of "Alice in Wonderland" and the figure of an Etonian who insanely neglects to take any pains at all with his temple of the Holy Ghost, but wears paper collars and a black straw alpine hat." There is an entertaining gusto about this abuse, since mud-throwing is as exhilarating to grown-ups as to boys, but Corvo forgets to leave any visible features of the original to emphasize the disfigurement.

To him the whole human race is contemptible, except his androgynous Ermengilda, who comes to the saccharine end in the arms of her employer. It is a strange book, a phantasmagoria, tortured in spirit and language, so dissonant, so near to excellence, that it is like an approach through atmospheres to some unattainable symphony, the half-heard music of another world.

### Wild West Again

#### Blood of the West

By Paul Evan Lehman. Ward, Lock, London. 3/6.

With the blood of the West flowing in her veins, Patricia Land, product of the East and daughter of Lucky Lane, comes to Saccato to claim the PL Ranch.

This is no easy matter, after an unscrupulous man has been left in charge for seventeen years and comes to consider the ranch his own.

Alonzo B. Pelly is ambitious. He wants to keep the ranch and he wants to obtain control of the entire valley, even if he has to spill blood to attain his ends.

When Pat arrives to take over, Al claims a big sum as salary which has not been paid to him, because he well knows that Pat cannot pay. Accordingly, he seizes a lien on the property, so Pat, instead of finding herself head of the ranch, finds herself forced to earn her living behind the counter of the local store.

Clay Denison butts in and Pelly nearly succeeds in getting him involved in a bloody battle with Buck Morgan, his neighbour, because he (Pelly) wants their ranch. Pelly's farcical plan is foiled by a tender-foot and Buck's daughter.

The author brings the book to a climax and his novel is to be recommended to lovers of the Wild West.

### FACT AND FICTION OF "WILD WEST"

#### Gunmen, Rustlers And Desperados

#### TWO SPLENDID YARNS

White Wolf's Pack.—By Hal Dunning. Ward, Lock, London. 3/6.

White Wolf is back again showing his fangs against evil-doers in the Wild West. Jim-Twin Allen, hero of Hal Dunning's stories and famous as a gunman and outlaw, has put away his guns and sworn that he will use them no more. He rides Princess without his six-shooters at his hips. News of the depredations of the Black Hawk is brought to him and he is invited to clear out the gang that is terrorising Beavertown. He refuses, but seeing the sufferings of the people and learning that the girl whom he loves has been shot by the Black Hawks in the belief that it is he, White Wolf once more takes to his guns, goes in pursuit and relentlessly destroys the gang.

There is a second story in the book in which Jim figures, equally if not more thrilling.

Hal Dunning writes with his usual flourish. His books are typical of the Wild West and are always worth reading. This is no exception.

#### HUMOURIST WRITES SERIOUS NOVEL

#### American Author's Mystery Story

2. O'Clock Courage.—By Gelett Burgess. Ivor Nicholson & Watson, London. 7/6.

The author has written a first-class detective story in which an original plot is maintained with consummate skill, and it may be asserted that the reader has either to peep at the end—how many people must confess to doing that—or wait till he has reached almost the last few pages, of the book before he solves the mystery of the murderer of John Saxon who, to quote the words of a famous politician about a certain race, was "a fit and proper subject for atrocities."

The book can be recommended because the author's literary ability is above the average of the usual detective story writer.

### GODKIN LECTURES

#### COSSACK AUTHOR IN LONDON

#### Best-Seller By Command In Russia

#### FETED IN ENGLAND

Michael Sholokhov, author of that world best-seller, "And Quiet Flows The Don," arrived in London recently on his first visit to England.

He will be entertained by the Society for Cultural Relations with Russia. Although he speaks no English, he will deliver a lecture.

He will also consult with his English publishers regarding the English edition of his "The Virgin Soil Upturned." By a Bolshevik order every supervisor of a collective farm is forced to read this book.

Sholokhov, who is 30, is a short, powerfully-built Cossack, and likes farming and travelling. His wife, who accompanies him, is an attractive, dark-skinned Cossack woman. Both stand in awe of Sholokhov's mother, a vigorous old lady, who gets up at five in the morning.

#### DEPRESSING LITERATURE ABOUT WOMEN

#### Walter-Lippmann's Wise Conclusions

The Method of Freedom.—By Walter Lippmann. Allen & Unwin, London. 4/6.

Mr. Lippmann's Godkin Lectures are here reproduced. They explain the problems of modern government with clarity and no little flexibility of mind. Their topical appeal is, of course, in the light which they throw on the modern tendencies to resort to dictatorships as escape from the problems of democracy.

Mr. Lippmann comes to the basic conviction that the State is the servant and not the master of the people, and so he challenges the fundamental position of Hitler, Mussolini and their imitators.

His criticisms of the weaknesses which lead to the desperate return to autocracy are well worth study. They may fortify the castle of liberty against further assaults.

#### NEW NOVEL FROM HAROLD OHLSON

#### A Happy Ending

The Inseparables.—By Harold Ohlson. Ward, Lock, London. 3/6.

The author of "Beggars Would Ride" has given us another exceptionally good story in "The Inseparables," which though not to be compared with his previous masterpieces, should be enjoyed by most readers.

The main characters in the book are Elizabeth Chalonier, Martin Hume, Hugo Averill and Uncle Alfred Shuttleton. The red-haired and quixotic Martin, had performed a sympathetic act for another girl some time before and he is unwilling to confess to Elizabeth, whom he loves dearly, that she is the one and only girl for him. In turn, Elizabeth is pressed by her aunt and stepmother to make a more convenient marriage with Hugo, son of a wealthy family, who alone can get the stepmother out of her debts. There are many critical situations but Mr. Shuttleton comes to the rescue and all's well that ends well.



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**The China Mail**

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**Signs Of Recovery In  
 Shipping**

In the new return of the amount of British shipping laid up in British ports there are figures which, carelessly read, might excite both optimism and pessimism. When they are examined it will be seen that the right conclusion is well founded hope of the future. During 1934 there was a great reduction of this idle tonnage. When the year began 477 ships, making 1,226,813 net tons, were laid up. When it ended the figures were 318 and 864,922. If we look further back the decrease is even more striking. In July, 1933, the totals were 788 ships and 1,945,709 tons. But this vast diminution unfortunately was not brought about by the return of ships to employment. 1934 saw an improvement in world trade, but not of such dimensions as to create a large demand for shipping. The main cause of the reduction in idle tonnage was the increase in the amount scrapped.

The figures at least show that last year effective preparations were made for better days in future. The first problem of shipping all the world over is the elimination of surplus tonnage. Since the war nearly every maritime country except Britain has been zealously and by more or less direct subsidies increasing its merchant navy. In 1914 some 49,000,000 tons sufficed for the world. By 1931 that total had been forced up to 71,000,000. Since then sea-borne trade has fallen by more than 30 per cent. The subsidy system has interfered with the normal and necessary economic process of adjusting supply to demand. Redundant shipping must go, the dead wood must be cut out of the industry, if there is to be anything like remunerative employment for the ships which the world requires. Britain has given a lead in scrapping and today owns much less tonnage than she did in 1914, while the rest of the world has increased its shipping enormously. Forced into the subsidy, competition alike take the subsidy as a bargaining tool. There is now good reason to expect that it will do useful work. The Preliminary International Shipping Conference of 16 nations has just been able to draw up a scheme for restoring the earning power of the industry, which should command acceptance and which would give effective relief. The rate of recovery of world trade is beyond prediction, but it is certainly possible to re-establish in the near

future an efficient and prosperous shipping industry by relating available tonnage to available freights.

**Antarctic Mysteries**

Through Admiral Byrd's fascinating story of his explorations of the Antarctic there runs a double theme, the magic of science and the mystery of the world. When we read of the power with which his equipment of autogyro and aeroplane and tractor and wireless invested his daring and endurance, the desperate efforts of Scott seem to belong to a distant age. All that thousands of years of human invention could do for Scott and Amundsen left them to force their painful way through the Polar blizzards by sheer muscle of man and beast. A few years later Admiral Byrd "strikes at the heart of the white space" by flights of a thousand miles. From the air he destroyed the hypothesis of an archipelago where the ocean is unbroken. By air observation he proved "the structural integrity" of the Antarctic Continent, the absence of any intruding arm of the sea.

It was not the first time that he had employed air power for Polar exploration, but the organisation and the achievements of this expedition were on a new scale. Yet when we read of the splendid results we see further mysteries lying dark and as yet insoluble beyond. The structure of Antarctica is determined. How it came to be the icy desolation which now it has become more baffling. Admiral Byrd's expedition found numerous beds of coal and plant fossils within 200 miles of the Pole. Some of this coal was still in the form of tree trunks. Either the South Pole has marvellously changed its climate or the Continent which now is there was once somewhere else on the globe. The latter strange alternative is not yet orthodox geology, but it has strong and perhaps increasing support. Antarctica may have sailed south from Australia.

**WELCOME TO NEW  
 DRAFTS**

**Garrison Entertainment  
 On Wednesday**

The Garrison Entertainments Committee will hold a carnival dance on Wednesday, as a welcome to those who arrived on the trooper, Somersetshire yesterday. Music for the dance will be provided by the "Maitalans" Dance Orchestra from H.M.S. Suffolk. Prizes will be given for novelty and spot dances. Dancing will be from 9 p.m. until 1.30 a.m. Tickets will be 2/- 5/- ladies being admitted by courtesy.

**HERE, THERE  
 and  
 EVERYWHERE**

**NO SHORT CUT**

The Bill for the registration and regulation of osteopaths which the British Medical Association Committee is investigating has very little chance of passing into law this session.

It has been given a Second Reading in the House of Lords, who sent it to a Select Committee. A similar Bill in the Commons last session had to be dropped.

The present Bill may pass the Lords (where it is opposed by medical peers and others), but the Commons' programme is already overweighted. The only hope for the Bill is for it to become non-controversial (which is impossible) or for the Government to adopt it (which is unlikely).

"Short cuts and wonderful cures" says the B.M.A., "have proved to be inaccurate and misleading, even if the cures were of members of the House of Lords."

There is no short cut to the statute-book.

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**COMMUNICATION CORDS**

A new idea in railway comfort adopted in Japan is shortly to be introduced into London.

In every station blackboards are provided on which an inscription states: "Passengers desiring to communicate with friends expect later are invited to write messages."

Here are some of the messages: "I waited half an hour, then took the 10.50 to Kyoto." "Can't go to-day; please don't be angry." "Have gone to restaurant, second floor."

Trouble is suggested by this note: "My husband returned. Come next week."

Machines are to be installed in various public places in London where people are in the habit of meeting and may wish to leave messages.

When twopence is placed in the slot a piece of paper comes up on which a message can be written.

When the slot is closed the paper moves into a glass panel, where it remains visible for about two hours.

**Your Daily Smile!**

"Ah," boomed the vicar genially, "how pleasant to see you again! And is this your most charming wife?"

"This," said his former curate with dignity, "is my only wife."

A Real Job

Curate's small daughter (with excitement): "My hen's laid an egg."

Vicar's small daughter: "Well, my hen has laid lots and lots of eggs."

Bishop's small daughter: "That's nothing, my father laid a dozen stones."

All in the Saying

"Well, George, how do you like my new house?"

"I like the house very much, but what a queer name you have chosen for it—Thistledown."

"That's not the way to pronounce it. It's 'Thistledown'."

MEASLES ABOARD  
 TROOPSHIP

**Several Cases Occur On  
 Somersetshire**

**SPREAD OF INFECTION  
 CHECKED**

The trooper Somersetshire arrived in the harbour yesterday from England. It was reported that a number of cases of measles among the children on board had caused considerable anxiety during the ship's voyage.

It is believed that the infection broke out among the children two weeks out from home, and owing to the rapidity with which it spread, special nurses are understood to have been taken on at Colombo to prevent the infection reaching the troops.

Enquiries made yesterday revealed that the spread of the infection had been completely checked.

**FREAK CANARIES ON VIEW**

Orange, blue and agate canaries were brought for the Crystal Palace National Show of Cage Birds, which opened on January 31. They were shown by a society at Lochin, Holland.

**WE DO NOT TAKE  
 ENOUGH SLEEP  
 NATURE'S BENEFICENT  
 RESTORER  
 WEARING EFFECT OF MANY  
 LATE NIGHTS**

(By a Harley Street Physician)

SLEEP is the great physical and mental restorative of man; he cannot do without it.

The nervously exhausted will always sleep better at night if they have had a short nap in the afternoon. Many people sleep badly at night because they have gone to bed overtired; this may often be avoided if time can be found for sleep earlier in the day.

Active brain workers require longer sleep than those whose work does not lie this way; in them the wear and tear and the nervous energy spent is greater by far, and the repair required is greater also.

Many late nights—on and off—except for the fortunate few who can sleep in bed till midday—must prove injurious in the long run. Apart from interfering with the work of the day, it tends to slow, but steady exhaustion of the nervous system. Many cases of "nerves" can be directly attributed to this habit.

**Sleep And Vitality**

No great golfer, tennis player, or expert in any other sport ever dreams of anything but a long night's sleep before a big event. Hand and eye must be steady and fit and in harmony and conjunction; and this cannot be after a night of little sleep.

If one wakes up in the morning fit and fresh, and with the feeling of having thoroughly slept, the amount of sleep has doubtless been adequate. But how many do this? The first hour or two in the morning is a misery to many people for the simple reason that they have not had sufficient sleep.

There is probably a good deal of truth in the old maxim that an hour before midnight is worth two after. For those who get insufficient sleep during the working week, the best restorative is to spend Sunday morning in bed—and asleep.

**Too Much Sleep**

Do some people sleep too much? A few do. Those who are lethargic and obese are the ones inclined this way. The long hours of sleep with this minority tend to the putting on of more weight; with greater weight comes more lethargy; and with more lethargy the desire for increasing hours of sleep.

A vicious circle is produced. Those of this type are often the victims of unsuspected indifferent health. They are the "self-poisoned" individuals whose auto-intoxication makes them unduly heavy and lethargic. They are mostly sedentary and eat too much. Let them cut down their intake and take regular exercise, and the call for unduly long hours of sleep will pass away.

Very few people are really born lazy. They are mostly the victims of the unsuspected indifferent health I have mentioned. Mind and body are clogged with their own unburned-up waste products. Elimination of these by the correction of faulty habits will replace the engendered physical and mental sluggishness with an alertness previously unknown.

**Sleep For The Young**

Infants—and puppies and kittens and all baby animals—require the maximum of sleep; here Nature sees to this. Children of from four to seven require twelve hours of sleep, and from eight to twelve ten hours as a minimum; older children require nearly as much.

A child who has insufficient sleep cannot, and does not, do its school work as efficiently as the child who has thoroughly slept.

In the child nothing can ever take the place of adequate hours of sleep; many parents fail to realise this.

How much sleep then, does the adult require? Generally speaking, I should say, eight hours.

There are, of course, exceptions to this; some may do satisfactorily on six or seven; some may require even ten. As people get old they generally require less. But though they may do with fewer hours of actual sleep, it is imperative that they should have longer hours of rest in bed.

**—And The Old**

For those who have leisure to indulge in it, an afternoon nap is often very beneficial; it is parti-

The O'Keefe-Montgomery School of Dancing gave a rehearsal at the King's Theatre yesterday of the show which they will stage on Wednesday.



## MALAY SEAMAN IN TROUBLE

Disorderly Conduct At Sailors' Home

COMMITTED TO GAOL FOR THREE DAYS

Sentence of three days' hard labour was this morning imposed on Charles Moslem, Malayan unemployed seaman, by Mr. D. M. MacDougall at the Central Magistracy, for acting in a disorderly manner at the Seamen's Institute on Saturday.

Accused, who was stranded here with 17 other seamen of the s.s. *Neil Seafarer*, was also charged with damaging a police cell, but this was withdrawn.

Mr. H. Watts, manager of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, in evidence, stated that accused was abusing people inside the building on Saturday night, and an hour later he was abusing the Indian guard outside. He had caused a good deal of trouble in the Institute.

## COUNTERFEIT COIN FROM CANTON

Dollars And 10-Cent Pieces

POSSESSOR SENTENCED TO TWO MONTHS' GAOL

Charged with uttering a counterfeit dollar, and with possessing four counterfeit dollars and one counterfeit ten-cent piece, Kam Cheung, 32-year unemployed, was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Detective-Sergeant Goodwin stated that after having tea at a tea house at No. 13, Elgin Street, accused tendered a dollar for payment, and when told that it was bad, he asked the cashier to keep it until he returned. Two detectives, who were having tea in the same tea house, heard what took place and searched defendant, when the other counterfeit coins were discovered.

Accused stated that he bought the counterfeit dollar in Canton at the rate of a dollar, Canton currency, for each.

## SNATCHER FOILED BY WIDOW

Thief Flees After Struggle

SIX MONTHS WITH BIRCHING FOR UNEMPLOYED

Six months' hard labour, and six strokes of the birch, or two months' further imprisonment, was imposed by Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Central Magistracy this morning, on Chan Kwal, unemployed, charged with attempting to steal the hand-bag of a Chinese widow, Ng Sau-chan and, alternatively, with assaulting her in Des Voeux Road Central, near Wing Wo Street.

It was alleged that at 4 o'clock this morning, while complainant was walking along Des Voeux Road Central, accused came up from behind and tried to snatch her handbag. Complainant struggled with accused and both fell on the road. Accused, got up and fled, with police constable No. 23 in pursuit. Running up Wing Wo Street, he made for Queen's Road, where he ran into the arms of Indian constable No. 447, who arrested him.

## PICKPOCKET AT SOCCER MATCH

Chinese Detective Loses Fountain Pen

Sentence of one year's imprisonment followed by two years' police supervision, was passed on Chan Shing, alias Chan Sing, alias Chan Hop, alias Chan Fuk, a 41-year-old unemployed, who appeared before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning charged with stealing a fountain pen from the person of Muk Wah, a Chinese detective, at the Club de Recreio Football ground, King's Park, on Saturday afternoon.

## 40-HOUR WEEK IN ITALY

206,204 Italian unemployed have found work since the introduction of the 40-hour labour week in Italy, according to the latest statistics. Of this total, 162,000 people were absorbed by industry.



Her Excellency Concha Espina Tagle (centre), Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Spain to Peru, joins the lengthening roll of women serving their countries as diplomats. She is seen in New York, on her way to assume her post. Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen (left) is the United States Minister to Denmark, and Mme. Kollantay (right) is the Soviet Minister to Norway.

## GREEN PINE TREES CUT DOWN

Government Timber Carried Off

GAOL SENTENCES FOR TWO CHINESE THIEVES

A steam of molten metal and a dazzling tongue of flame marked the opening last month of a new development in the British iron and steel industry.

The occasion was the production of the first steel at the new works of Messrs. Stewarts and Lloyds Ltd., tube makers. These works which cover 230 acres at Corby, Northamptonshire, have been erected in the record time of two years, and will be the means of keeping in Britain hundreds of thousands of pounds' worth of trade which has hitherto gone to the Continent.

Mr. Forrow stated that when the defendants were arrested on the plantation at 3 o'clock yesterday morning each had a big piece of trunk in his possession and also a chopper or saw.

Sentences totalling two months' imprisonment were imposed on Kong Shing, while Ip Sang, who had a previous conviction on his record, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment on the first charge and six weeks' imprisonment on the second, terms to run consecutively.

## GERMAN DRUGS HURRIED TO CEYLON BY AIR

A consignment of German drugs for the treatment of malaria was despatched by aeroplane from Berlin to Ceylon in fulfillment of a huge cabled order. These are required for fighting the malaria epidemic now raging in Ceylon.

## FORTH AND TAY BRIDGES PROJECTED

At Dundee, Lord Provost Bust, after outlining a scheme for a Tay bridge at a cost of 2,100,000, said that bridges on the Forth and Tay could be built together. Lord Provost Sir W. J. Thompson, Edinburgh, is understood to be opposed to the two schemes going forward as one. The Lord Provost in his negotiations through the Ministry of Transport, has the support of Edinburgh business men.

## TWO FATALITIES IN LOCAL FIRE

(Continued from Page 1.)

Government Civil Hospital by an ambulance from Kennedy Town, which arrived before the Fire Brigade reached the scene.

Six fire-engines and two fire-floats were in operation. The outbreak started on the top floor, and the flames spread to four other adjacent buildings which were used as godowns. The upper floors were severely damaged. The cause of the fire is at present unknown.

Mr. H. T. Brooks, Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, Department assisted by Officers King and Weller, were in charge.

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## VAGABOND LOAFER

By Guy Gilpatric

ALONG the coast the fishermen were hauling in their nets. Children in berets and smocks were playing marbles on the hard white sand. Just beyond the Customs guard's shanty a party of gypsies were tethering their horses to the wagon wheels for the night. In front of the little church the cure was stalking like a black-robed sentinel, his forefinger between the pages of his breviary and his eyes on the sun as it sank redly behind the shoulder of Cap d'An-

The gypsies, of course, were entirely too quaint. If they had had motorcars and camping trailers and V-necked sweaters and khaki pants, like American gypsies, their presence would have been supportable. But they had wagons which you felt had been built in Moldavia or Wallachia or some other strange, romantic place; wagons painted green and red and yellow, with little mirrors set in the sides in patterns of stars and crescents and Maltese crosses. The women wore the gay poplums of their tribe, and the bearded men had red sashes around the waists of their baggy corduroys. And not all of them were as dirty as all gypsies should be.

## TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be

"Freight Train"

One of the men, in particular, was almost neat. He was smooth-shaven and darkly handsome. Although slight of build, and younger than most of his fellows, he was evidently the boss. Thus, while the rest of them chopped wood and watered the horses, he stood aloof with his hands in his pockets, smoking a cigarette and supervising the job. When at length the progress of things was ordered to his liking, he yawned, strolled down the beach in my direction, and paused to consider the sunset. I heard him humming to himself, and just as I was beginning to realize that his song was not a wild Gitano iota, he raised his voice and broke into the words:

"Come on an' snuggle up, snuggle up-uggle-uggle-up To Daddy . . ."

At such a time and in such a place this drivel was exceedingly strange and vastly funny. I laughed, and at the sound of my laughter he stopped his song and wheeled toward me in embarrassment. And then I was sorry.

"Excuse me," I said. "I really didn't mean to laugh. Only I thought you were a gypsy."

"Okay, Bud!" he grinned. "I guess I didn't know I was singing out loud. And, anyway, I thought you was a Frenchman."

"No, I said, "I'm not a Frenchman. I'm from New York; and you are too, or I miss my guess."

"Yair," he said. "N'Yawk, that's me, Mac. A Huner'd-n-Eighty-Foist Street 'n the Bronx. I used to be a kike, but I'm a Bohemian now—a Ziguener, a Gitano, a gypsy. Kohn is my name—Irv Benjamin Kohn Glad to meetcha."

We shook hands, lighted fresh cigarettes, and sprawled back upon our elbows in the sand. Mr. Kohn, due to my unexpected presence, seemed somewhat ill at ease. He gulped once or twice, and smiled foolishly.

"Y'know, I was just thinking to myself that that there is pretty dam' fine," he said, waving his hand toward the sun-dyed sea. "In fact, yair, by heck, all of it is," and he increased the scope of his gesture to include the entire universe.

"Sometimes I'm afraid I'll wake up in Bellevue Hospital, or in the bughouse on Welfare Island, and hear 'em tell me it ain't real. I bet I've told myself a million times it's real. But I can't believe it yet." He stamped his heel into the sand, and drew so fiercely on his cigarette that each puff dragged the ash a quarter-inch along the white paper.

"Oh, it's real, all right," I assured him. "At least, I guess it is. I was just sort of wondering about it myself when you started to sing."

"Yair," he nodded. "It does make you wonder, don't it?" Then, smiling to himself and lowering his voice, "Why, say, Iseen, Buddy, kenne' telle' something . . ."

This is what he told me:

When Irving Benjamin Kohn graduated from the New York High School of Commerce, where he hadn't wanted to go in the first place, he was seventeen years old. On graduation day Kohn *per se* had caused the words "A Son" to be painted after his own name on the store sign, and according to the placards in the window, he *slashed Prices To The Bone To Celebrate My Son*. In the Business Suite and Offices Away Below, Cost

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## VAGABOND LOAFER

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Now, by every rule of racial instinct, young Irving Benjamin should have deemed this a most auspicious send-off and a glamorous launching on a substantial career. But, strangely enough, he didn't. To him it was the fulfilment of a threat that had disturbed him for years; a life sentence to a life that he hated. For, somehow, the Jewish flare for barter was completely lacking from his character, and in its stead there was a grinning, aching yearning to travel. It was possible that, generations before, a drop of Zigeuner blood had found its way into the veins of the Kohns, although—and he had heard his grandfather say it—in all the ghetto of Innsbruck no family was held in higher esteem. It was more probable, he thought, that the cause was a book which he had borrowed from the library when he was eleven years old. He had forgotten the name of it, but it had been written by a guy named Locke.

"This book," said Irving Benjamin, "was about an old bold who was a juggler, and a kid he'd picked up somewhere, and all they done

was loaf around Europe and have a hell of a swell time. I thought it was the softest life I ever heard of, and every time I looked out of the window and seen the airshaft with Mrs. Blumberg cooking *asafute* fish in the kitchen across the way, it made me feel homesick for places I'd never seen. Yaar, homesick to get away from home—that's a funny one, ain't it?"

"Well, always and always, I hoped

I'd get a break, some time, and not have to work in the old man's store. But when I come home from school that graduation day and seen 'Son' on the sign, I knew I was hooked for keeps. Yaar, and I broke right down and cried."

At first, old man Kohn attributed these tears to filial gratitude, and his heart swelled with pride. But when Irving tried to explain their true cause, his father snorted derision.

"Travel?" he said. "Phooey, hear the boy! Why, say, Iissen, Irving, you're crazy! What you want to spend your lifetime carrying a sample-case for, and sleeping in Pullmans and bum hotels? For why should you want to go on the road when we got right here the neatest little clothing business in the Bronx?"

Then Irving realised the futility of further explanation to a parent who thought of travel only in terms of sample-cases, railroad trains, and drummers' hotels—travel, which meant blue skies, green meadows, and the tree-fringed highways which we follow in our dreams.

"Sample-cases! Well, he supposed, he'd simply have go to work selling suits, and forget it...."

He went to work but he couldn't forget it. In the gloom of the store the narrow aisles between the racks of clothing would suddenly become leafy lanes, and as suddenly turn back to cheviots, serges and bargains in mohairs. For the rest of the day, then, Irving Benjamin would wander around in a nostalgic daze while the old man scolded him and called him loaf.

"After three miserable years of this the elder Kohn died. Irving sold the store, gave the proceeds to his mother, and bought himself a taxi cab.

"For, you see," he explained. "Mommie was pretty old, and there was only her and my sister Sarah, who wasn't married yet, and I figured I'd better not git out of New York and leave 'em all alone. Maybe I have got gypsy blood, and maybe, again, I haven't but, first of all, I'm a Jew, and we always stick sorer close in the family. So I done the best I could to see the world without leaving town: And when you're drivin' a huck I got to see it. Buddy, believe me!"

Of course, driving a taxi through the streets of Manhattan was a far cry from vagabonding through the hamlets of Provence, but it was so much better than working in the store that Irving Benjamin took a new lease of life.

"You got no idea the kick I got out of it," he said. "I was on top of the world. East side, West side, all around the town, that was me! 'Yep, and sometimes I'd git a fare for Bye or Portchester, or maybe some place way out on Long Island.' It was fun, sure, but I didn't know the half of it."

"He started to light a cigarette and to ruminative. After a dozen puffs, which caused confusion to the烟 that swarmed mistily over him, he picked up his story, at

a point which found him cruising eastward through Forty-Eighth Street, shortly after two o'clock one morning. He was driving slowly, he said, because every other house on the block was a speakeasy, and in the small hours speakeasy patrons are good pickings.

He saw a man emerging from a basement gate on the right. This man seemed to be in a hurry. He came up the steps of the area-way in one bound, and ran towards Irving Benjamin's cab as though the devil was after him. As he did so

the devil was after him. As he did so

He shoved the accelerator to the floor and swung away from the curb. As he did so

the devil was after him. As he did so

He saw a white spider-web appear on the windshield before him, with a little hole right in the centre of it. The hole was in line with his right hand, which was suddenly limp and bloody.

The man at the curb was

about to fire again. Irving yanked

the wheel with his left hand and

steered straight for him. There

was a bump, a scream, a crunch.

But Irving didn't stop.

"How, slow down, slow down,

we're okay now!" said a voice be-

hind him. "Lemme out, kid: I'm

going back to get them guys."

Irving slowed down, and his fare

leaped out.

From a dozen directions, it seemed, police whistles were shrilling and night-sticks were tapping the alarm upon the echoing side-walks. Speeding toward him, not a block away, was a car with blue-coats standing on the running-boards. These cops had pistols in their hands.

A cold wave of panic swept over Irving "Cripes!" he said to himself. "If them Turks ketch me, I'll be sent up the river for life!"

But he made up his mind that they wouldn't catch him. He opened his motor wide, and tore through the almost deserted streets at fifty miles an hour. At First Avenue he swung dizzily southward. At Forty-Sixth Street a milk-truck lumbered across his way, and because he was driving with his left hand he crashed into the rear of it.

He must have been dazed by the shock, for when he came to himself he was surprised to find that he was running through a dark side-street and that First Avenue was half a block behind him. His legs, he said, were moving by themselves, and he was astonished at the speed with which they carried him. But his breath was coming in gasps, and suddenly his knees seemed to melt.

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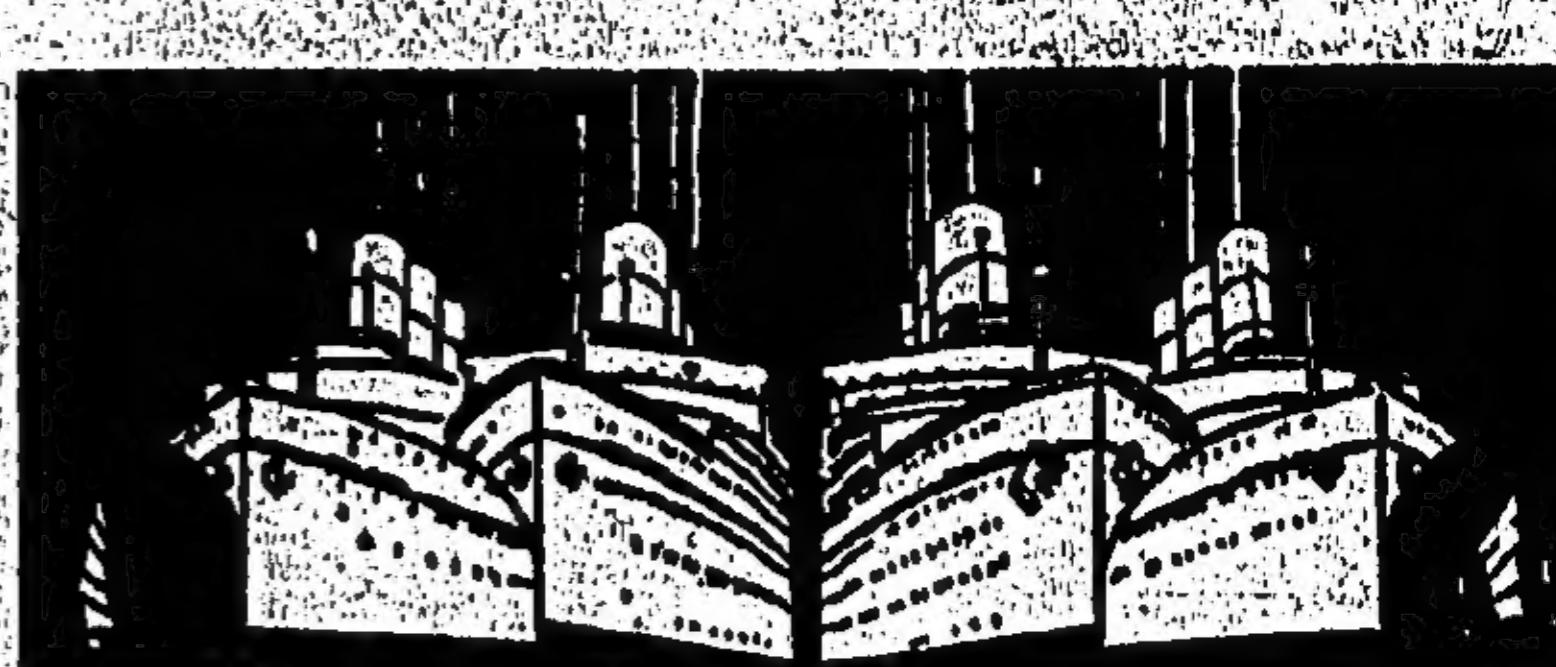
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Up to this point the group around the stove had paid not the slightest attention to the proceedings. They behaved as though there was nothing at all strange in having a wounded man dragged from the streets to sanctuary among them. But now, however, to the girl's summons, one of them came over, lit a fresh candle, and examined the gash on Irving Benjamin's wound. "I guess I might as well be going," he said, smiling up at her. "I'm strictly kosher, like I told you. Say, baby, my hand is starting to hurt something fierce. Hold it for me, will you?"

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**LOCAL ESTATE**

Late Mr. D. A. Judah Leaves \$68,000

David Aaron Judah, otherwise known as David Alroy Judah, late of No. 3 Upper Wood Street, Calcutta, India, who died on September 19, 1930, at the age of 35 years, left local estate to the value of \$68,000. Letters of Administration have been granted to Mr. Harold John Armstrong, for the use and benefit of the mother of the deceased.

**CONVERTING WHAMPOA TO OCEAN PORT**

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Besides discussing ways and means for the early completion of Canton-Hankow Railway, the managing directors of the three sections will discuss the construction of a branch line from Wongsha in Canton to Whampoa on the Pearl River in connection with the development of that town into a deep-water port. The proposed line is already being surveyed by the Railway Administration.

The object is to enable goods from the Yangtze valley and Hunan to be conveyed direct to Whampoa, where transhipment can be made to all parts of the world. Whampoa harbour is at present only deep enough for coasting vessels drawing fifteen to eighteen feet, and must be further dredged to accommodate ocean liners.

In anticipation that land values in Whampoa will rise after it has been converted into a deep-water port, the Kwangtung Board of River Conservancy, the Provincial Department of Reconstruction, and the Canton Municipal Government are jointly surveying the land in the river town. Eight-tenths of the surveying work has been completed.

**KUOMINTANG SUSPICION OF NANKING ACTS**

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Mr. Li Hsiao-sheng, a member of the South-west Political Council, called on his colleagues this morning and imparted to them the inside information of the Sino-Japanese negotiations which he had gathered, at Shanghai. He also informed members of the views of Mr. Hu Han-min on the pro-Japanese policy of the Nanking Government. In general, Mr. Hu is not in favour of such a policy. It is likely that the leaders here will issue a circular telegram this afternoon clarifying their stand on this momentous issue.

**PERCY ALLISS TRIUMPH**

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His fourth round score was equalled only by Boyer, in the latter's second round.

Boyer and Arthur Havers, another British contender, tied for second place with an aggregate of 267.—Reuter.

**SUPERVISION ORDER DISMISSED WITH COSTS**

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January 16 of this year and the manager had read a report which dealt only with the liabilities of the company and lacked sufficiency of detail. The Companions Ordinance requires that a full statement of a company's position be given and not an account of its several branches. There was also some difficulty as to whether the head-office was in Hong Kong, Canton, or Shanghai, and an item concerning the transfer of \$20,000 had been omitted from the statement of account. Furthermore, the three branches, Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Canton, had separate capitals of \$614,000, \$185,000 and \$20,000, respectively. If branches of a company were permitted to have separate capitals then it was not unreasonable to suppose that they could have separate issues of shares as well. In this case they would soon lose their identity with the parent firm and become separate companies.

**"FAILURE TOO SUDDEN"**

Mr. Lo went on to say that the failure of the company was too sudden after the strong position it had held for a considerable time.

The total profits made on one year's working has been as much as \$440,000 and the dividends paid \$370,000. During the years 1933 the reserve fund had accumulated \$35,000. "Seeing it was so prosperous its sudden failure is inexplicable."

Mr. G. Shi, in supporting Mr. Lo, said that a savings bank of this kind, trading as it does with the poorer classes of the public, should observe a stricter code of law than any other organisation. He said that the assets of the company runs into millions, the bulk of which is in Canton and outside the jurisdiction of this Court. A sum of \$700,000 had been remitted to the Canton office from Hong Kong at one time, and this had been invested in lands and buildings. Securities, indeed, but extraordinarily hard to realise.

**"TONIC TO OFFICIAL"**

He suggested that the Canton officials had disposed of this money without due regard to the Hong Kong depositors. He said it would be advisable to exert every effort to have this money returned to Hong Kong. The reason why they asked that a supervision order should be made was because they did not want anything to go astray. The order would ensure that a correct report would be given; and, in addition, it would act as a tonic to the officials. The process of winding up has already commenced, and all that we ask is that it should continue under the supervision of this Court." Mr. Shi concluded.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C. in appealing against the order being granted said that he represented 898 creditors of the insolvent bank, whose claims amounted to \$883,688, and contrasted this with the 160 creditors claiming \$60,000 represented by

**CYCLOPEAN CAVES OF CENTRAL ASIA****"Pit Of Vanishment"****SUBTERRANEAN LABYRINTH OF ZANKUR PASS**

One of the world's largest caves—the Kon-I-Goot Cave—is situated in the Zankur Pass in Russian Turkistan, Central Asia. The words "Kon-I-Goot" means "Pit of Vanishment."

The cave has been widely known far beyond the borders of Central Asia since time immemorial. Numerous tales, fantastic stories and scientific suggestions have been created about this cave in the course of a number of centuries. Even ancient Arabian documents mention the treasures allegedly hidden in its underground labyrinths.

Human skeletons and skulls found in this cave and preserved in the Tashkent Museum, are over 1,000 years old, according to scientists.

The Kon-I-Goot Cave consists of a number of subterranean cells, interconnected by a network of corridors. Some of these cells reach 20 metres in length, 20 metres in width, and 45 metres in height. They can be entered only with the aid of ropes, because all corridors are cut by steep underground pits.

The analysis of ores taken from this cave revealed the presence of large deposits of zinc, manganese, iron, silver, and tin in the soil of Kon-I-Goot.

According to approximate estimates, the cave contains about 15,000 tons of lead, 50,000 tons of silver, and 350,000 tons of manganese.

**GRAPHITE IN UKRAINE**

One of the world's largest graphite plants has been built in Zavalevsk in Ukraine. With the beginning of operation of this works, the Soviet Union will no longer depend upon the import of graphite.

petitioners. The company, according to Mr. Potter's account did not have a sudden demise, neither was it a fact that the situation of the head office was obscure. The head office was in Hong Kong as the Articles of Association showed.

The liquidators had not had a chance to do anything before a man, who was turned down at the meeting when he was suggested as suitable of carrying out the duties of liquidator, appears and petitions for a supervision order to be made.

**"ORDERS HAVE LOST VALUE"**

"Supervision orders have lost much of their former value," continued Mr. Potter, "and in any case if my learned friends had any grounds for protest they could have come to you in Chambers and stated their objections." How can confusion at a meeting at which the candidature of the petitioner was turned down be grounds for an order?"

Mr. Potter further stated that there had been no reduction in capital and that a financial crisis, coupled with the fall in value of securities, was the whole reason for the failure of the bank.

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